



## SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

### PALLET

#### Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to pallets and in particular to a multi-purpose pallet having detachable components.

#### Background of the Invention

[0002] Pallets made of wood are typically used throughout the world for easy storing and transporting of goods. These pallets are generally of a square shape having an upper and lower deck made of a series of wooden planks and at least two solid wooden beams therebetween. The pallet is normally nailed together and includes slots within which a forklift's tines or other material handling devices can be located for lifting and moving the pallet.

[0003] Known pallets suffer from many disadvantages. For example, they are expensive to manufacture; require repeated repair; are limited to standard sizes; have protruding fixings or connections; are limited in the amount they can carry; are easy to damage or break; are heavy; are difficult to attach to additional components when required; absorb moisture, liquids and odors; are a fire risk; can have termite and insect contamination; splinter easily; have nails that can loosen; and have a short life span, and the timber used for them is generally from hardwood forests.